

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the following claim as indicated:

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1 (Amended). A backframe, for a self contained breathing apparatus, said self contained breathing apparatus including an air tank, and control components for controlling the flow of air from said air tank, said backframe comprising a shell including a rear wall having a forward side and a rearward side, said rearward side being shaped and adapted to receive said air tank thereagainst, side walls fixed to said rear wall and extending forwardly of said rear wall, and a closure plate receivable by said side walls for enclosing said shell to provide a water tight enclosure between said rear wall and said closure plate, said control components of said self contained breathing apparatus being contained within said water tight enclosure, said closure plate being shaped to conform to the back of a user of the apparatus. 4-8 112123

Please add the following new claim:

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8. A backframe for a self contained breathing apparatus, said breathing apparatus including an air tank for supplying air to a user, and control components for controlling and monitoring air from said air tank, said backframe comprising a front wall shaped to conform to ^{the back of} a user's back, a generally flat rear wall substantially coextensive with said front wall and spaced rearwardly of said front wall, said rear wall being shaped to receive said air tank on the rear side thereof, side walls extending between said front wall and said rear wall for enclosing the space between said front and rear walls, said control components being within said space between said front and rear walls.

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested of the rejection of all claims in the above identified application as being obvious in view of the prior art. The claims have been amended to point